

ANOTHER URSULINE CONVENT.

"We are happy to announce [says a Dublin paper] that the Right Rev. Dr. England, Bishop of Charleston, arrived yesterday (Sunday) in Cork, by the Victory steamer, from Bristol. We have the gratification to state that the estimable prelate enjoys the best health, and proceeds in a few days, via Liverpool, to Charleston, South Carolina, accompanied by some ladies from the Ursuline community at Blackrock, who propose establishing a convent of their order in the vicinity of Charleston. The venerable prelate deservedly enjoys the highest confidence from the father of the faithful, and the various congregations connected with his legation."

The Ursulines, Mr. Editor, are an order of Nuns, who observe the rules of St. Augustine. They take their name from their instructress, St. Ursula, are clothed in white or black, and are chiefly noted for taking on them the education and instruction of young females.

Query. What is the object in view in importing so many Ursuline members of the Catholic community into the United States? Answer: undoubtedly to build nests for the hatching of young catholics; i.e. to erect schools for the education of female children in those branches of knowledge commonly taught in other schools; but where, without any direct instruction in the principles of the catholic religion, which these Ursuline teachers disavow, the young minds of children may be wrought upon by other means than words; by the power of sympathy, the natural disposition to associate and assimilate with others, and the love of imitation and copying the example of others older than themselves; all which propensities operate strongly on the youthful mind. It learns more by example than by precept. Seeing the performance of the pompous rites and ceremonies of the Popish religion and worship, by their teachers, and the earnest devotion by which they are performed: actions so well adapted to the senses designed for display; to catch and impress the ignorant mind, these simple and unsuspecting people may imbibe the principles of the actors and become catholics, without any verbal instruction.— This has been the case in some instances of protestant children sent to a catholic school, especially where they are so much excluded from the world as they are in nunneries: and protestant parents should be careful how they put their children in the way of such impressions and temptations.